

2005 SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION

SB 2158

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2158

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 17, 2005

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Minutes: All committee members present.

SEN. URLACHER: Called the meeting or order and opened up the hearing on SB 2158.

SEN. TAYLOR: appeared as prime sponsor with written testimony stating SB 2158 provides for a tax credit against the financial institutions tax for scholarships provided to the Rural Leadership North Dakota Program and that the idea behind the program is to give rural ND citizens the skills needed to reinvigorate the state border to border. Rural Leadership gives you the skills and tools you need to fix the problem.

SEN. BERCIER: asked if there was any discussion with regard to Tribal Colleges being included in this, rural areas.

SEN. TAYLOR: Tribal members can apply for this program, they would go through the existing program that's done through NDSU Extension.

SEN. COOK: question on contributions by a tax payer, where a payer may be earmarked for use by a designated recipient.

SEN. TAYLOR: With community banks, they take applications from the across the state and they may have someone in the community that has applied and is selected for the program, they can then ear mark it for that participant because its from their community. If you have a home town person that's been selected, your home town bank could ear mark that money for their scholarship.

SEN. COOK: the selection process would have already been made though, I assume.

SEN. TAYLOR; It could, actually it could go the other way too where as someone is pondering at applying they could talk to their home town bank and say "I'm thinking about applying, is there a chance that you would be interested in providing a scholarship?".

SEN. WARDNER: questioned the cost per individual.

SEN. TAYLOR: The tuition is \$2,000, its \$1,000 for each of the two years. The value however is pegged at about \$11,000, so there is already a lot of other foundation and _____ support from different folks involved in the program. But its \$2000 out of pocket right now.

MARK JOHNSON: ND Assoc. Of Counties, also a member of the ND Rural Leadership

Council handed out two brochures on ND Rural Leadership and who appeared in support stating
this would be one way with helping students who are struggling and a good way to use this as a
tax credit. ND Leadership Program allows students to be eligible for a bank to have a credit.

BRENT EKSTROM: Member of the inaugural class of the RLND Program, and am also the
loan fund manage for the local regional council appeared in support stating he qualified for a
scholarship through the Dept. Of Commerce. A scholarship through the local area banks would
have enabled a lot more participation, a lot more people to be able to attend it. Also stating that a

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scholarship of this nature would be a huge benefit to not just the members of the program but also to the community.

DON FORSBERG: Executive Vice-president for the Independent Community Banks of ND appeared in support with written testimony stating SB 2158 has the intent of encouraging contributions to help fund rural leadership for many of the smaller communities in ND.

Leadership within a community is one of the primary building blocks for economic & civic development of the community. He also noted that the ND Bankers Assoc. Is in support of this bill as well.

SEN. URLACHER: questions on percentages and explanation.

DON FORSBERG: the reason the percentage seems a little odd is because that is the amount of the bank tax that actually goes to the counties and local communities. Banks pay a 7% total tax, but roughly 2% goes to the state general fund.

KATHY TWEETEN: of the NDSU Extension Service appeared just to answer any questions regarding the programs.

SEN. BERCIER: questions on Tribal Colleges working with NDSU Extension Service and if Tribal students qualify.

KATHY TWEETEN: Stated there is a limit as to the number of students because its so in-depth, this year they will be accepting 30 students and all Tribal students can apply. **NO OPPOSITION**.

MARY LOFTSGARD: of the Tax Dept. Appeared to explain the fiscal note stating it has a revenue impact of negative \$25,000. That was simply by assuming that 10 banks would take the maximum of \$2,500. We really have no way of knowing how many banks might be interested in

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participating. This coming year, it will be \$2,750. We just don't know how many banks would be interested at this point.

NO FURTHER TESTIMONY. Closed the hearing

DISCUSSION:

SEN. WARDNER: Stated that he will support this bill because of what has gone on is his community and has seen what leadership does and its very positive. This is a very small investment into leadership and its a good program. The fiscal note is very small to what the benefits are going to be to the State.

SEN. URLACHER: noted its an investment to the future.

SEN. TOLLEFSON made a motion for DO PASS, seconded by Sen. Wardner.

Roll call vote: 6-0-0, Sen. Tollefson will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council 01/07/2005

Bill/Resolution No.:

SB 2158

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to

funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007	Biennium	2007-2009 Biennium	
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Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

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2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

SB 2158 creates a tax credit for contributions made by a financial institution for tuition scholarships to Rural Leadership North Dakota.

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
 - A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

If enacted, SB 2158 is expected to reduce state general fund revenues by an estimated \$25,000. (This estimate assumes ten financial institutions make qualifying contributions in the maximum amount allowed by the provisions of SB 2158.)

- B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.
- C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 582/58

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) January 17, 2005 10:34 a.m.

Module No: SR-10-0523 Carrier: Tollefson Insert LC: Title:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2158: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Urlacher, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2158 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2005 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

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2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2158

House Finance and Taxation Committee

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Hearing Date February 23, 2005

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Minutes:

REP. WES BELTER, CHAIRMAN Called the committee hearing to order.

SEN. RYAN TAYLOR, DIST. 7. Introduced the bill. See attached written testimony.

REP. BELTER Currently, is this program being operated by financial institutions?

SEN. TAYLOR The do have a scholarship similar to this for private colleges and private high schools in the state. This would be a new scholarship which financial institutions could get credit for, for world leadership.

REP. CONRAD Is this the rural leadership through NDSU?

SEN. TAYLOR Correct.

REP. KELSH The students who are in the rural leadership program, are recent college graduates or could be, what are their ages?

SEN. TAYLOR We will get some brochures for you. There are thirty students picked for the two year program, ranging in age from 25 to 45, they are scattered throughout the state.

REP. CONRAD This is for all of their expenses, travel and everything, about \$5,000? **SEN. TAYLOR** Actually, the tuition for the program right now is \$2,750, if a financial institution was going to step up and provide the scholarship, they could actually get a \$2,500 scholarship with 50% credit. They do still have some out-of-pocket costs. The value of the program with the resources that are put into it, is about \$11,000.

REP. BELTER Are you wanting the tax credit in order to get additional people enrolled in

programs, is there a problem with financial institutions supporting this program currently?

SEN. TAYLOR

I don't know if I would say, I think they have moral support for the program, I don't know that they are currently putting financial support toward it, this would be carrot that would allow them to have an incentive to provide a scholarship for someone who is suitable for the program. It is a fair bit of money, to have folks come into the program, \$2,750.

REP. WEILER There is currently not a tax credit if I were to give somebody money to enroll them?

SEN. TAYLOR It goes to the financial institution's tax.

REP. WEILER Right now, is that the only way people are enrolled?

SEN. TAYLOR Currently, they are enrolled on their own dime. We are just looking to find some ways, and a lot of these towns where the students come from, have a strong home town bank that would probably want to support them, and this is the carrot for them to do that. Right now, the 30 students who are in there, are mostly paying it out of their own pocket.

REP. WEILER Why don't we broaden this to include anybody, why are we limiting it to financial institutions?

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SEN. TAYLOR If we were to broaden it to a corporate income tax credit, or individual income tax credit, that would certainly be looked upon with favor by the group. We do have some lenders involved in the adversory council, we don't mean to limit it.

REP. BELTER Are these college students within the college?

SEN. TAYLOR They could be any range of age, they are probably not going to be in college because it is a two year program, they will probably have graduated from college. They get together once every two months or so. They have a number of different sessions, which deal with different skill sets that have to do with leadership in North Dakota. They range in age from 25 to 45, they are probably working in a business or have a business of their own, and are doing this, generally, on week-ends.

SEN. RICH WARDNER, DICKINSON Testified in support of the bill. Stated there are three individuals from Dickinson involved in the program. There age is from the late twenties to the middle forty's. The program has guts, there is something behind it. One of the individuals who was a county agent in Carrington, moved to Dickinson, and we are glad he is there. He is about forty one years old. That is the kind of people you would be looking at. If this state is going to grow, you got to have leaders. That is what this program is doing.

DON FORSBERG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE INDEPENDENT

COMMUNITY BANKS OF NORTH DAKOTA Testified in support of the bill. See attached written testimony.

REP. WEILER Are the financial institutions able to write this donation off, currently? **DON FORSBORG** Any deduction of this type would be allowed under current tax law.

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MARK JOHNSON, NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES Testified in support of the bill. Submitted a handout relating to leadership in North Dakota. This bill allows the rural development leadership program to also be eligible for a bank to pick a candidate in a local community and then be incentivized by a small tax deduction to support an individual to attend this class.

REP. OWENS You said the bank picked someone, I thought before it was a tax credit for 50% of a contribution to a scholarship fund that someone would then apply for, not the bank picking someone.

MARK JOHNSON I believe the way the system currently works, students in high school can go to a bank and urge them to consider them, but many times in local communities, banks provide a scholarship and use this program and provide it to an institution and the institution picks someone. In this case, a student that wants to go through the leadership could do one of two things, go to a bank, urge the bank to sponsor them, but the money would not go to the individual, it would go to the NDSU Extension Services Center.

REP. CONRAD Presently, this cannot be done with rural leadership?

MARK JOHNSON No

REP. CONRAD We have to pass this legislation so that the rural would have the same status? **MARK JOHNSON** Yes

REP. GRANDE I want to know how I can be a part of this and have someone fund my running for office too

MARK JOHNSON I think we might be carry this to some ultimate extreme. He gave an example of a young lady who was interested in running for county commission. She entered this

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leadership program and got the confidence to run for county commission, came in fifth, I believe.

She will be back. In a rural community, having young people who want to run for local, county and city boards, is that good or is that bad.

REP. GRANDE Did this program fund someone running for office?

MARK JOHNSON When they start this program, they have to pick a class project, there is no funding for that class project, they do that on their own time. I happened to be at the meeting when she came back, she took a shot at it, but she lost. No money came from this program to sponsor her in any kind of electoral campaign.

SEN. TAYLOR Spoke again, it is a competitive process to pick those thirty applicants, they do have to go through a process.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

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Hearing Date February 28, 2005

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COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. DROVDAL Made a motion for a **do not pass.**

REP. GRANDE Second the motion. Motion failed

REP. DROVDAL Stated that he thought the bank institutions are already allowed a deduction when giving donations, and felt this was double dipping when they also got a tax credit.

The motion failed so the bill will be acted on at a later date.

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Hearing Date March 7, 2005

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COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. DROVDAL Made a motion for a do pass.

REP. NICHOLAS Second the motion. MOTION CARRIED

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REP. SCHMIDT Was given the floor assignment.

Date: 2-28-05
Roll Call Vote #:

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) March 15, 2005 12:57 p.m.

Module No: HR-47-5003 Carrier: Schmidt Insert LC: Title:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2158: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2158 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

SB 2153



Testimony on SB 2158 Sen. Ryan Taylor District 7

Good morning. For the record, my name is Ryan Taylor and I serve in the senate for District 7. It's a pleasure to be before you today to introduce SB 2158.

SB 2158 provides for a tax credit against the financial institutions tax for scholarships provided to the Rural Leadership North Dakota program. The language mirrors the language in 57-35.3-05 which provides a credit for scholarships public and private colleges in the state.

Like the current scholarship provisions, the credit is 50 percent of the contributions made by the financial institution and may not exceed \$2,500 for the taxable year or five and seven tenths of the tax before credits.

I've been involved with the Rural Leadership program since its inception as a member of their advisory council. Some of the ideas for the program may have come from a conversation I had with NDSU President Chapman when he was in my hometown for an alumni lunch.

The idea behind the program is to give rural North Dakota citizens the skills needed to reinvigorate the state border to border. The students in the program are selected based on their potential to facilitate change and progress in the state. They come from all areas and all walks of life. The program gives them two years of intense professional leadership training and a network to support their work.

Students in the program are on the ground and already involved in their communities across North Dakota. I think that makes it an awfully sound investment for the future of our state. They've already made the initial commitment to our state, it's just a matter of giving them the tools they need to make some good things happen.

I compare it to driving your car in some of our more remote areas and having it break down. If you don't know how to fix it, you're in trouble and you can't count on a lot of traffic to have someone drive along who can fix it for you. Some of our small towns are breaking down, rural leadership North Dakota teaches them how to make the repairs and get things moving again.

This bill puts together a nice partnership between the financial institutions serving our state, people who are vested and committed to making a life in our state, and our land grant university that's able to give them the skills and the learning they need.

I'd be happy to answer any questions or step aside and let the others here make their testimony that will fill in any of the information I missed.

Thank you.



across the state and beyond that RLND participants will utilize for To create a network of people a lifetime.

recognizing gifts and differences, thinking critically and creatively, To strengthen participants skills of individuals working together. North Dakota rural policy, and affecting change — the power in discovering leaders within, understanding the resource communicating effectively, spectrum, understanding managing projects,

To improve the quality of life for the participant, organization(s), and community.

project in an organization and/or To prepare the participant to work with and implement a community.

Discovering Leaders Within

November 20-22, 2003 Carrington, ND

Communicating Effectively

January 22-24, 2004 Minot, ND

Recognizing Gifts and Differences February 19-21, 2004 Williston, ND

Thinking Critically and Creatively March 25-27, 2004

Managing Projects Dickinson, ND

April 15-17, 2004 Fargo, ND

Understanding Rural Policy November 18-20, 2004

Bismarck, ND

Study Tour of Washington, DC January 25-30, 2005

Understanding the Resource Spectrum February 24-26, 2005 Langdon, ND

Affecting Change; The Power of

Individuals Working Together March 31-April 2, 2005

RLND Program

program dedicated to producing graduates with the This program emphasizes the development of skills using technology, speaking in public and bringing vision and commitment to lead themselves, their such as working with people, managing projects, organizations and communities into the future. Rural Leadership North Dakota (RLND) is a dynamic two-year interactive study and travel abour positive change.

How do I get more information about RLND?

Contact the RLND office with the NDSU Extension Service or go to our Web site at www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/rlnd

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NDSU Extension Service, North Dakota State Univ





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PLND Class Participants of 2003-2005



Jean Brandt Kramer rancher/farmer

owner/operator, G & B Upholstery



Development Foundation accounting manager, Kadmas, Lee and Jackson, Inc. [Scott Bullinger Dickinson



executive director, Prairie West Marty Campbell





Dawson owner, café/lodge Keith Draeger



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Brent Ekstrom

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loan fund manager, Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council





Kurt Froelich

Susan Goplen









Hannaford city coordinator, Hannaford and Hope

Carrington
NDSU Extension
Service Agent
for Foster County

Epping partner/farmer, Davidson Farms

community organizer Tracy Nerem Surrey

communications director, Garrison Diversion Merri Mooridian Jamestown assistant

Vicki Monsen Wattord City vice-president and loan officer, McKenzie County Bank

Ashley lead development specialist, TechLink Rural Assistance Program

business manager, Stope Electric Cooperative

economic development planner, Souris Basin Planning Council; co-owner, Mountail County Abstract and Title Company

Devils Lake director of marketing, family operated mechanical

community relations, Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council

contracting firm

Becky Meidinger

Michelle McCormack

Donald Longmuir Jr.

Jeffrey Klemetsrud

Deborah Kantrud

Dickinson

Rene Johnson Watford City CPA, iocal accountant

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Crosby economic development director, Divide County Job Development Authority David Olson





current manager, Patrie's Raspberries on the Prairie

conmunity project coordinator, St. Joseph's Hospital and Health

Killdeer deputy clerk of district court, Dunn County

Lori Wagner South Heart

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Patricia Patrie retired teacher; Bowdon



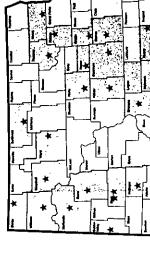


agriculture loan officer First Southwest Bank part-lime farmer John Zetocha Oakes

Beth Wieland

single family housing loan specialist, USDA Rural Development





- Wild West Children's Park in Watford City
- Change, organizing a forum for leaders **Bridging Communities Working for** to network and share ideas
- Bowden's 1913 historic brick school Nature Based Tourism at Lone Tree Management Area near Harvey
- Community Connection newspaper Create the Epping/Long Creek

School Lodge for tourists, hunters, etc.

will be transformed into the Bowden

- City to recognize and honor those who · Veteran's Memorial Park in Michigan have served
- Splish Splash in New England. Working include 100 foot waterslide, lap pool, in renovating the outdoor pool to fenced in pool area
- Community and Health Club in Minto
 - Running for County Commissioner in McIntosch County
- Community Awareness in Dunn Count
 - Educate youth about the advantages curriculum for third graders in North Dakota about the great things your of living in North Dakota. Create a

community and state have to offer.

Leadership North Dakota (RLND)

History

Rural Leadership North Dakota was born in 2002 after many North Dakotans .

became concerned that leaders on boards and committees throughout the state were aging and getting "worn out," and the state needed new leaders with innovative ideas to succeed them. Members of the State Board of Agriculture. Research and Education asked North Dakota State University President Joseph Chapman what the university could do to help. Chapman turned to then-NDSU Extension Service Director Sharon Anderson, who proposed a statewide leadership program modeled after programs in more than 40 other states. NDSU and the:

NDSU Extension, Service hired a director and began the program. The first class of 25 started in fall 2003. Participants attend eight seminars and a six-day study tour across the United States during the two-year program: They also create and: implement a project in their community or organization that allows them to. practice the skills they learned.

Prepare and develop effective leaders to strengthen rural communities. RIND MISSION

Why the program is important

The program is dedicated to producing effective leaders with the vision and communities commitment to lead themselves, their organizations and their rural communities into the future.

What the program will accomplish

Rural Leadership North Dakota will create a network of committed North Dakotans with the skills to help their community, organization and state prosper and grow.



Service and other organizations, businesses, individuals esources are critical to the Rural Leadership North Dakota program's success. The NDSU Extension and foundations support the program.

The program costs approximately \$11,000 per person. Contributions from sponsors cover more than two-thirds of the cost.

Volunteers serve on RLND's council and design team and teach, speak or host tours at the seminars. RLND also depends on in-kind contributions.

Each RLND participant pays tuition, which is \$2,750 for the two-year program. However, most secure scholarships to assist with tuition costs.

people who are willing and able to create the conditions to strengthen participants' skills and prepare them to be eadership development needs your support because that allow the state to move forward. RLND is designed effective in guiding their organization, rural community North Dakota's continued success depends on and the state into the future.

including economic development, financial, education, agriculture, business, health care, entrepreneurs, and Participants typically will range in age from their 20s to their 60s. They will represent a variety of sectors, Anyone can learn to be a leader through RLND. city, county and state government.

ewstetters, Rural Leadership North
Dakota brochures, news media the ways sponsors will be acknowledged RLND program graduation are among recognition at RLND seminars and the releases, the RLND Web site and publicly for their support.

Contributions are tax deductible.

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They may contribute to the general fund or underwrite part or all onors have considerable flexibility in providing support to RLND. of a seminar.

Ways for you to support RLND:

- Gifts of cash have an immediate impact
- Pledges allow you to fulfill your commitment during a specified time ■ Gifts-in-kind – can include equipment, services and other resources
 - Deferred or planned gifts provide support in the future
 - Sponsorships -- cover specific expenses

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Getting involved in Rural Rural Leadership

and travel program designed to produce effective personal involvement and action leaders with the vision and commitment to help their organizations, rural communities and state RLND is an intensive two-year interactive study personal involvement and acr participant are at the heart of this program. grow and prosper.

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North Dakota. The state needs leaders with innovative eadership is the key to securing a successful future ideas to strengthen rural communities.

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studies, role models, self-assessment and by doing. They This program also connects participants to a network of leaders across the state. Community, business and state presentations, small-group work, group activities, case leaders, professional trainers and university faculty lead the seminars. Participants learn through lectures, also tour various businesses and organizations in the community where the seminar is held.

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Participants also learn about issues facing the state; rural policy; barriers that may keep the state from moving forward and the power of individuals working together.

opportunity to network, to gain an understanding of our situation We're all from rural North Dakota and we realize if we do not do something, our populations will keep dwindling. This is a good - Heather Feiring, Epping, RLND Class of 2003-05 and an opportunity to network with the whole state.



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SB 2158

January 17, 2005

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Chairman Urlacher, members of the committee, for the record my name is Don Forsberg, I am the Executive Vice President for the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota. ICBND is a trade association for state and national banks who are "Independent" for purposes of eligibility. Independent generally means making primary customer and strategic decisions within the bank's geographic area within North Dakota; represented by a charter within North Dakota; is committed to improvement of its marketing area and generally has the majority of its loans in the local service area from which its deposits are drawn.

ICBND is asking for your favorable consideration of SB 2158 which has the intent of encouraging contributions to help fund rural leadership for many of the smaller communities in North Dakota. These smaller communities do not have the infrastructure or funding to support leadership programs that are available in larger communities. Leadership within a community is one of the primary building blocks for economic & civic development of the community. The program offered by NDSU Extension Service for "Rural Leadership Development" can assist in the training for future leaders within the communities in rural North Dakota.

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However, this training is not without cost and that brings us to the purpose of this bill. SB 2158 will provide a multiplier effect for contributions made to help fund this program through offering a tax credit not to exceed 50% of the amount of the contribution or \$2,500 whichever is less.

ICBND asks that the members of this committee give this bill a DO PASS recommendation.

I would be pleased to try and answer any questions you may have. Thank
Chairman Urlacher and members of this committee for this opportunity.



Testimony on SB 2158 Sen. Ryan Taylor District 7

Good morning. For the record, my name is Ryan Taylor and I serve in the senate for District 7. It's a pleasure to be before you today to introduce SB 2158.

SB 2158 provides for a tax credit against the financial institutions tax for scholarships provided to the Rural Leadership North Dakota program. The language mirrors the language in 57-35.3-05 which provides a credit for scholarships private colleges and high schools in the state.

Like the current scholarship provisions, the credit is 50 percent of the contributions made by the financial institution and may not exceed \$2,500 for the taxable year or five and seven tenths of the tax before credits.

I've been involved with the Rural Leadership program since its inception as a member of their volunteer advisory council. Some of the ideas for the program may have come from a conversation I had with NDSU President Chapman when he was in my hometown for an alumni lunch.

The idea behind the program is to give rural North Dakota citizens the skills needed to reinvigorate the state border to border. The students in the program are selected based on their potential to facilitate change and progress in the state. They come from all areas and all walks of life. The program gives them two years of intense professional leadership training and a network to support their work. I think we can all think of examples where something good happens in one town and not another because there was a local leader, a champion, there to drive the change.

Students in the program are on the ground and already involved in their communities across North Dakota. I think that makes it an awfully sound investment for the future of our state. They've already made the initial commitment to our state, it's just a matter of giving them the tools they need to make some good things happen.

I compare it to driving your car in some of our more remote areas and having it break down. If you don't know how to fix it, you're in trouble and you can't count on a lot of traffic to have someone drive along who can fix it for you. Some of our small towns are breaking down, rural leadership North Dakota teaches them how to make the repairs and get things moving again.

This bill puts together a nice partnership between the financial institutions serving our communities, people who are vested and committed to making a life in our state, and our land grant university that's able to give them the skills and the learning they need.

I'd be happy to answer any questions or step aside and let the others here make their testimony that will fill in any of the information I missed.

Thank you.

